

A member of a Republican household, I nevertheless find Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc.'s decision to compel not one, but all three major non-cable television stations to preempt scheduled programs and to air a propaganda piece just days before a presidential election.

While I appreciate the need and to counter the work of Michael Moore and left-wing media makers, using the power of preemption so globally is an intrusion on people's free choice. It illustrates why media ownership must rest in many hands, not in a few.

We are not talking about a state of the union message here, but an editorial piece, a presentation of a single viewpoint.

Medi license renewal must demand more responsibility than is being evidenced by Sinclair Group. I urge the FCC take action to ensure its exercise as a condition of licensure. Public liberty demands it in a free society that would remain so.

Sincerely,

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